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In re Application of :
Andrew G. Plaut et al :
Serial No.: 10/021,952 : DECISION ON PETITION
Attorney Docket No.: 00398/502003

This is in response to "Petition to Withdraw Notice of Abandonment" filed March 18, 2004.

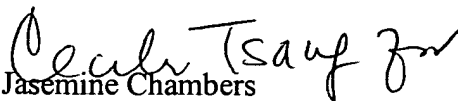
On August 15, 2003, an Office action was mailed. On March 3, 2004, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed for failure to timely file a proper response. On March 18, 2004, the instant petition was filed. Applicants urge that the Office action dated August 15, 2003 was never received.

Applicant's statement and evidence show that the office action dated August 15, 2003 was never received. Accordingly, the petition is granted.

Petition Granted.

The application has been returned to pending status. The Office action dated August 15, 2003 is being re-mailed herewith. The shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire Three months from the mailing of this letter.

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact Cecilia Tsang, by letter addressed to Director, TC1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0562 or by facsimile at 703-872-9306.


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